



## Candlewood Suites Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

### Candlewood Suites

Candlewood Suites is an 83 room, limited service, extended stay hotel.

**Green Statement:** "We made efforts to install energy saving motion sensors in our rooms. We were the first built and we want to continue doing our part for the environment."



### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

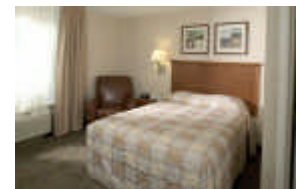
“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity/commitment for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to Candlewood Suites can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day.

- House cleaners have been trained on process for optional linen service
- Water efficient washers and dryers purchased
- Minimized use of bleach
- Offer weekly housekeeping with once a week linen service

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program.

- **Recycle:** Glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, fluorescent lamps, batteries and electronics equipment
- Track overall waste bills
- Bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Instruct house cleaners to save and reuse unopened items
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc in bulk
- Use of water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Purchase recycled content paper, paper towels and toilet tissue
- Using "green" cleaners
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Using latex paints
- Proper recycling/disposal of thinners and solvents
- Preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles



- Last-in/first-out inventory and effective labeling systems
- Use of least toxic materials
- Minimizing the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use of integrated pest management

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Water flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan which utilizes drought tolerant species
- Effective storm water management
- Minimized paved and other impervious areas wherever possible
- Water purification system

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.

- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- High efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms
- High efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning
- Individual thermostats in each room
- Use of natural lighting
- Purchase of EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, appliances, etc
- Thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways
- Use EnergyStar's Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry
- Use motion sensors in guest rooms

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **Candlewood Suites**, see [www.candlewoodsuites.com/vabeach](http://www.candlewoodsuites.com/vabeach) or contact Kristen Ingram at [kingram@cpvabeach.com](mailto:kingram@cpvabeach.com).

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen) or [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).



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